

**Reaching Every Learner**

**Case Study Video**

**Meet Myra**

**Myra is 7 years old and attends a general 1st grade classroom.**

**She loves Disney music and singing with her play microphone. Myra is very intelligent and working on grade level academics. Myra uses many forms of assistive technology and vision aids.**

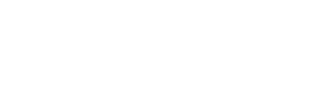
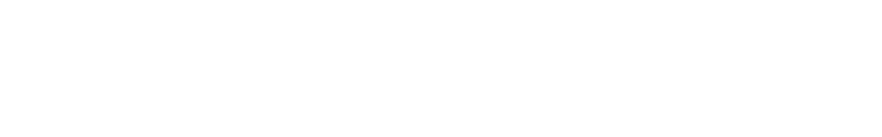
**She does best with multi-sensory learning opportunities, teacher use of**

**descriptive language, and supportive adaptations to the environment.**

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**Visual Impairment**



# Characteristics

* Impaired vision (including partial sight and blindness) that, even with correction, adversely affects child’s education performance.
* Using other senses is important – touching, listening, smelling, tasting, moving.
* Can affect depth perception, acuity of vision, and sensitivity to light.
* Signs may include - eyes may cross or not move together, eyes bulge or bounce,

repeated shutting of eyes, clumsiness, frequent squinting, eye-rubbing, looking at

toys and books too close, and avoiding activities requiring good vision.

* May not see the *whole*, so need to build understanding by experiencing the *parts*.

# Best Practices

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| **Academic**   * Early Intervention * Related Services * Assistive Technology * Multi-Sensory Learning * Adapt the Environment * Learn student’s specific   visual impairment   * Vision Aids | **Behavioral**   * Talk about the way   things feel, smell, sound, etc   * Positive Behavior   Intervention Plan   * Sensory-Based   Interventions   * Individualize | **Social / Communication**   * Assistive Technology * Braille * Teach how to move   about safely   * Encourage   Independence   * Peer Assistance |

References and Resources

American Foundation for the Blind – [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org/)

Center for Parent Information and Resources - [www.parentcenterhub.org](http://www.parentcenterhub.org/) The IRIS Center – [http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu](http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/)

The CEEDAR Center - [http://ceedar.education.ufl.edu](http://ceedar.education.ufl.edu/)

Perkins School for the Blind ELearning - [www.perkinselearning.org](http://www.perkinselearning.org/)